

CLAIM LISTING SHOWING CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-28 (Canceled)

29. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion with a first end, an opposite second end portion with a second end and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart first connector elements disposed thereon proximately to the bottom edge thereof;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member including a fastener at each end thereof, each said fastener adapted to connect to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.

30. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein said fastening elements include a mating pair of hook and loop material.

31. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein said first connector elements are rings.

32. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein each of said fasteners is a swivel snap hook.

33. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein there is a central first connector element located medially between said first and second ends and an end first connector element located on one of said first and second end portions.

34. (New) A harness according to claim 33 wherein there are intermediate first connector elements with there being one intermediate first connector element located intermediately between the central first connector element and the first end of said waist piece and such that there is another intermediate first connector element located intermediately between the central first connector element and the second end of said waist piece.

35. (New) A harness according to claim 34 including a second connector element located proximately to the top edge of said waist piece, proximate to one of the first and second ends thereof.

36. (New) A harness according to claim 35 wherein said second connector element is located on the top edge directly opposite said end connector element.

37. (New) A harness according to claim 36 wherein said first and second connector elements are arranged so that, when in the mounted state, the central connector element is located in front of the person, said end connector element and said second connector element are located in back of the person,

and said intermediate connector elements are located at opposite sides of the person when in the mounted state.

38. (New) A harness according to claim 29 including a second connector element located proximately to the top edge of said waist piece, proximately to one of the first and second ends thereof.

39. (New) A harness according to claim 29 including a pair of shoulder straps, one said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said first end portion and another said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said second end portion.

40. (New) A harness according to claim 39 wherein said pair of shoulder straps are secured such that they cross one another at the back of the person when in the mounted state but do not cross one another when not in the mounted state.

41. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein said waist piece includes a plurality of belt loops disposed thereon, said belt loops being sized and configured to receive said strap member therethrough.

42. (New) A harness according to claim 29 wherein said fasteners are adapted to connect to one another.

43. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion, an opposite second end portion and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions having an end portion width as

measured between said bottom and top edges and said central portion having a central portion width as measured between said bottom and top edges with the end portion width being about one-half of the central portion width, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart first connector elements disposed thereon;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member including a fastener at each end thereof, said fastener adapted to connect to said first connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.

44. (New) A harness according to claim 43 wherein said first connector elements are disposed on said waist piece proximately to the bottom edge thereof.

45. (New) A harness according to claim 44 wherein there is a central first connector element located medially between said first and second ends and an end first connector element located on one of said first and second end portions.

46. (New) A harness according to claim 45 wherein there are intermediate first connector elements with there being one intermediate first connector element located intermediately between the central first connector element and the first end of said waist piece at a junction of said central portion and said first end portion and such that there is another intermediate first connector element located intermediately between the central first connector element and the second end of said waist piece at a junction of said central portion and said second end portion.

47. (New) A harness according to claim 46 including a second connector element located proximately to the top edge of said waist piece, proximately to one of the first and second ends thereof.

48. (New) A harness according to claim 43 including a pair of shoulder straps, one said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said first end portion and another said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said second end portion.

49. (New) A harness according to claim 43 wherein said waist piece includes a plurality of belt loops disposed thereon, said belt loops being sized and configured to receive said strap member therethrough.

50. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion, an opposite second end portion and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening

elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart belt loops disposed thereon and including a plurality of first connector elements disposed thereon;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member sized and configured to removeably engage said belt loops and including a fastener at each end thereof, said fasteners adapted to connect to each other and independently to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.

51. (New) A harness according to claim 50 wherein said first connector elements are disposed proximately to the bottom edge of said waist piece.

52. (New) A harness according to claim 51 wherein there is a central first connector element located medially between said first and second ends and an end first connector element located on one of said first and second end portions.

53. (New) A harness according to claim 52 including a second connector element located proximately to the top edge of said waist piece, proximately to one of the first and second ends thereof.

54. (New) A harness according to claim 50 wherein there is a said first connector element associated with each of said belt loops.

55. (New) A harness according to claim 50 wherein there is a central said belt loop located medially between said first and second ends and wherein there are intermediate said belt loops with there being one intermediate said belt loop element located intermediately between the central said belt loop and the first end of said waist piece and such that there is another intermediate said belt loop located intermediately between the central said belt loop and the second end of said waist piece.

56. (New) A harness according to claim 50 including a pair of shoulder straps, one said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said first end portion and another said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said second end portion.